

## Weekly Status & Information Report: August 22 - 26, 2011

### Inclement Weather Information:

- **Storm Preparation Communication:** In anticipation of Hurricane Irene, the Takoma Park Police Department is posting frequent updates and reminders. Recent updates and preparedness information may be found at <http://tppolice.blogspot.com>. Community members, workers and frequent visitors are encouraged to sign up for brief electronic text alerts about local weather and other emergencies at <http://aviso.takomagov.org>. Alerts and lengthier messages are also disseminated by the Police Department's Public Information Officer (PIO). If you wish to sign up for the PIO Alerts, please send an e-mail to Cathy Plevy at [cathyp@takomagov.org](mailto:cathyp@takomagov.org). Residents are also encouraged to follow both the City of Takoma Park (<http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD>) and the Takoma Park Police Department (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-City-of-Takoma-Park-Police-Department/238446732028>) on Facebook and on Twitter (<http://www.twitter.com/TakomaParkMD> and <http://www.twitter.com/TAKOMAPARKPD>).

- **In Case of Downed Trees:** For downed trees on public property during the storm, residents should call the Takoma Park Police non-emergency number at 301-270-1100. Trees that have fallen on private property are the responsibility of the property owner. To report trees that have fallen on utility lines, contact PEPCO 1-877-PEPCO-62 (1-877-737-2662) and press "2". "Hot" wires or "sparking" wires, especially those across roadways, may be reported by calling 9-1-1.

### - **PEPCO Storm Quick Facts:**

Report Outages: 1-877-PEPCO-62 (1-877-737-2662)

Report downed wires and life-threatening emergencies: 1-877-PEPCO-62 (1-877-737-2662) and press "2"  
TTY: 202-872-2369

Outage maps and restoration updates can be accessed online at [www.pepco.com](http://www.pepco.com). Click on the Your Home tab and select the Outages Emergency Preparedness page.

- **General Inclement Weather/Emergency Closings:** Generally, if the Federal Government declares it is closed, or announces a delay (such as a two-hour delay), the City of Takoma Park follows that declaration (for those employees who are not designated "essential employees"). In the event of closure, City facilities are closed on that day to the public (except the Police Department).

### - **Inclement Weather Cancellation Policy for Recreation Department Programs:**

- If Montgomery County Schools are delayed, Morning Addition start time will be delayed. For example, if schools are delayed by two hours, Morning Addition will be delayed two hours.

- If Montgomery County Schools are closed due to the weather, Morning and Afternoon Addition and all other Recreation Department programs will be canceled.

- If the Federal Government is closed, please call our inclement weather line at 301-891-7101 x 5605 to check the status of programs.

- Please call the Recreation Department at 301-891-7290 if you have any questions regarding this policy.

*(Recreation)*

- **Library and Computer Center Hours This Weekend:** The Library and Computer Center are expected to be open their regular hours on Saturday. If the weather is bad, patrons may wish to call first: 301-891-7259. *(Library)*

### **Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of August 26, 2011:**

- Takoma Junction Task Force meeting, Tuesday, August 30, 7:30 p.m. in the Lilac Room

- Police Employees' Retirement Plan Committee meeting, Thursday, September 1, 8:30 a.m. in the Hydrangea Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise. Contact [jessiec@takomagov.org](mailto:jessiec@takomagov.org) to check for cancellations or for additional information. *(City Clerk)*

**State to Launch Bike Sharing Grant:** City staff attended a State Department of Transportation meeting this

week regarding the Bike Sharing (CaBi) program in Washington, D.C. and Arlington. The State of Maryland announced that it will be launching a one time grant program this fall to support local jurisdictions in establishing their own bike share programs. City staff are in discussion this program with Montgomery County staff, who have been working toward obtaining funding to implement such a program. *(Housing and Community Development)*

**Spanish Circle Time:** Spanish Circle Time with Senora Geiza resumes on Thursday mornings in September - 10:30 a.m. *(Library)*

**Bedtime Story Hour:** Bedtime Story hour is scheduled for Thursday, September 6 at 7 p.m. Perfect for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups. No pre-registration required. *(Library)*

**Book Discussion:** The Friends Reading Group discusses Graham Greene's "The Quiet American" in the community Center Hydrangea Room on September 7 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. *(Library)*

**Teen Cook Out:** Due to the inclement weather, the Back To School Teen Cook Out that was scheduled to take place on Thursday will be rescheduled to today from 5 - 7:30 p.m. Teens are welcome to come and enjoy an evening of music, food, games and prizes. This event is open to all teens and will take place on the Takoma Park Community Center Basketball Court. SSL hours are available to those who would like to help set up, serve food, run game tables and clean up after the event. For more information contact Faye Wright, Teen Manager, at 301 891-7283 or [Fayew@takomagov.org](mailto:Fayew@takomagov.org). *(Recreation)*

**Fall/Winter Sports - Registration opens August 29, 2011:** The Recreation Department will begin taking registrations for 2012 Fall/Winter sports on Thursday, September 1. This includes Tennis, Flag Football, Outdoor Street Hockey, Indoor Soccer, and Winter Basketball. All registrations are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Sign up early, as programs will fill up fast!! To register online please visit: [www.activenet.active.com/takomaparkrecreation](http://www.activenet.active.com/takomaparkrecreation). For additional information please contact Lew McAllister at 301.891.7284 or [LewM@takomagov.org](mailto:LewM@takomagov.org). *(Recreation)*

**Fall Program Guide comes out August 29:** Autumn represents an exciting season of discovery. Experience the benefits of recreation in Takoma Park -- the new brochure will arrive in the September edition of the Takoma Park Newsletter with programs for youth, teens, adults, and seniors as well as community special event. Be one of the first people to sign up for programs starting Monday, August 29! View our brochure online at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation). Register online at [www.activenet.active.com/takomaparkrecreation](http://www.activenet.active.com/takomaparkrecreation). *(Recreation)*

**Bone Builders Training Workshop for Seniors:** Takoma Park Recreation Department, in partnership with Montgomery County Retired Service Volunteer Program (RSVP) and Aging and Disability Services, hosted a Bone Builders Training Workshop on Wednesday, August 24 in the Community Center. Bone Builders is a free program of exercise classes offered to seniors to prevent and slow the development of osteoporosis. Fifteen participants received a full day of free training by a master trainer, and will go on to lead classes in Takoma Park and other locations in Montgomery County. For more information about the Bone Builders program, please contact Shawn Brennan, Program Manager for Senior Health Promotion, at 240-777-1350 or [shawn.brennan@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:shawn.brennan@montgomerycountymd.gov) or Paula Lisowski, Manager, Seniors Program, at 301-891-7280 or [paulal@takomagov.org](mailto:paulal@takomagov.org). *(Recreation)*

**Senior Bingo:** Despite some heavy rain, a dozen seniors came to the Takoma Park Community Center to enjoy the monthly bingo game in the Senior Room on Thursday, August 25. Everyone had a great time. *(Recreation)*

**Police in Meetings:** This week, Chief Ricucci and staff have been making preparations with other City departments and Montgomery County in anticipation of Hurricane Irene. On August 24, Chief Ricucci attended the Takoma Junction Task Force Committee meeting. Also on that day, he attended and spoke at the Silver Spring Citizen's Advisory Board on the proposed curfew law. *(Police)*

**Police in Training:** Cpl. Pedersen attended Police K-9 HITS training in Washington, D.C. August 24-27. *(Police)*

**Crime Report:** The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (August 19-25, 2011) may be viewed online at: [http://tppolice.blogspot.com/2011/08/takoma-park-police-department-weekly\\_25.html](http://tppolice.blogspot.com/2011/08/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_25.html).  
(Police)

**Traffic Enforcement:** Officers conducted at least 200 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, 14 vehicle impounds, one Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrest from traffic, two arrests from traffic. During August 17-26, 2011, the following details were completed:

August 17, 2011

- Flower Avenue & Piney Branch Road (failure to drive right of center) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and one warning.
- Manor Circle & Ethan Allen Avenue (violation of official signs) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- 1000 block of East West Highway (speeding) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations for speed and four other State citations.

August 18, 2011

- 7100-7500 block of New Hampshire Avenue (equipment violations) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations and three Safety Equipment Repair Orders (SEROs).
- Houston Avenue at Kennebec Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations and one warning.
- 7500 block of Carroll Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations for speed and one other State citation.

August 19, 2011

- Poplar Avenue & 4th Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one State citation and one warning.

August 20, 2011

- 1100 block of University Blvd. (failure to stop for pedestrian in crosswalk) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four warnings.
- New Hampshire Avenue & Holton Lane (no u turn/no left turn) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued seven State citations.

August 22, 2011

- Erskine Avenue at 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations.
- Maple Avenue at Sherman Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations.

August 23, 2011

- Prince George's Avenue & Belford Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.
- Philadelphia Avenue at Maple Avenue (pedestrian safety detail) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations.
- 4th Avenue at Westmoreland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Takoma-Langley Crossroads area (tag reader/suspensions) - conducted a detail at various times and issued 10 State citations.
- Maple Avenue at Philadelphia Avenue (crosswalk enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

August 24, 2011

- Maple Avenue at Philadelphia Avenue (crosswalk enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- 1000 block of East West Highway (speeding) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued four State

citations for speed and two other State citations.

- 7500 block of Carroll Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations for speed and one other State citation.

- Takoma-Langley Crossroads Area (tag reader/suspensions) - conducted a detail at various times and issued 12 State citations.

#### August 26, 2011

- 4th Avenue at Westmoreland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

*(Police)*